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The Official Style

Appropos of the state wide discussion regarding retrenchment and a solution of the present difficulty facing the coming legislature which must prescribe ways and means to increase the revenue that the state government might be continued, the Bonanza suggests that the legislature be abolished altogether. Or if the legislature is not to be abolished, then curb the activity of certain state officials who have conceived the opinion that they are the whole cheese and not Swiss cheese at that.

The state supreme court during recent years has usurped the duties of the legislature on several occasions. Whether it was done for the sole purpose of demonstrating a lust for power, we are unable to say. Nevertheless the highest tribunal in the state acted in that wise.

The board of pardons, composed of the governor, the attorney general and the three members of the supreme court, is another body that should be forced to wear hobble to cut down their fast gait. During the last two years several dozen convicts have been liberated from the state prison before the expiration of their term of sentence, just because the pardoning board saw fit to grant the pardon that opened the prison gates.

It is true that the legislature has seen fit to invest this power in the board in question, but it is not believed the law makers intended that wholesale prison deliveries were to follow as the construction of their intent. It is understood that pardons were primarily intended for prisoners who had been convicted, although innocent of the crime charged, or inmates of the state prison who were sent up through mistake. Occasionally it will be found that a long prison sentence more than makes out the punishment inflicted, and in this instance it is justifiable when the board allows a prisoner his freedom. But to grant pardon after pardon and parole after parole, appears a little bit like exercising an arbitrary privilege.

After serving one or two years of their terms the state officials appear to believe that they are the whole shooting match just because they live in Carson and adopt arbitrary methods in dealing with affairs. If they would but follow closer the original meaning as construed by the lawmakers in creating legislation, the state would profit materially. But the arrogant attitude appears to be the prevailing style in capitol fashions. But with styles constantly changing, a different demeanor can be expected sometime in the near future.

A California Opinion

It is to the credit of the people of Nevada that they have elected an anti-divorce legislature, and a period of residence of one year soon will be required before actions for divorce can be begun, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

Nevada divorce laws, as they have existed in recent years, have injured the state and impaired the stability of family relations. No state can be truly progressive which carries a law assisting in undermining the home. And that is what the divorce law of Nevada unquestionably has done.

Divorces often are necessary. People certainly have some sort of right to be happy, and we are forced to admit that some marriages turn out very badly. Not to permit divorces is as great a mistake as to permit them too easily.

But here and there, as at Reno, during the last few years and before that at Fargo and Sioux Falls, "colonization" for divorce attained the proportions of a national scandal. The result has been a growth of the divorce industry which has produced widespread social confusion and encouraged a sort of consecutive polygamy on a large scale.

Divorce reform is an important matter, and it is encouraging that Nevada, the latest popular mecca of those seeking an annulment of the marriage tie, should fall in line with a movement which is general throughout the country. South Dakota a few years ago carried a divorce law amendment by referendum, lengthening the required residence term to one year and providing that cases must be tried at the regular terms of court. It is likely that Nevada will incorporate in its new law the latter provision.

There is no doubt that the growth of the divorce colonies in Nevada and in other states where divorce has been comparatively easy has been due in large measure to the very stringent laws existing in some

other parts of the union. South Carolina, for instance, makes divorce impossible on any ground, and in New York only one reason can be alleged for seeking a decree.

Rumor has it that should Senator Newlands be appointed to the court of St. James, or a place in Wilson's cabinet, that the name of C. H. McIntosh will be brought before the legislature by the democratic leaders of this state. Verily, Dame Rumor is a gossiping old lady.

Somehow the papers cannot forget that election has been over several weeks. The reminiscent attitude of several publications is sufficient to send their readers to bed with a bad case of the jimmies.

Even the Milwaukee papers are declaring that Nevada should mend its divorce laws in order to gain the self respect that has been missing for several years. That's right, rub it in.

Even the Balkan war does not prevent Tonopah from mining over a million dollars of ore each month.

Interesting Sidelights

It's all over now, bearing the great battle for the postoffices.—Corsicana Texas Sun.

The superdreadnaught is the precursor of the superannuated dreadnaught.—Toledo Blade.

Things to Worry About: The Tasmanian squid spawns four times a year.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Crow might not be quite as appetizing as pie, but one blamed sure thing there's plenty of it.—Val Verde County Herald.

A protective tariff on pie is now being urged. And some of us imagined that it already existed.—Pittsburgh Courier.

The millennium may be looked forward to just the same, even if the bull moose did not win.—Providence Journal.

The last barricade in the defenses against high cost of living went down when they began to increase the cost of stewed turnips.—Baltimore Sun.

Dimmycrats can be detected these days by the fact that their mouths water when they pass a postoffice or any other sort of federal building for that matter.—Austin Statesman.

Blanche Ring takes her fourth husband.—Apparently Carrie Blanche.—Boston Herald.

Most of the political forecasts must have been made by the weather bureau officials.—Baltimore Star.

The next work cut out for the suffragists is to induce the anti-suffrage woman to vote.—Portland Oregonian.

Every man is perfectly willing to sacrifice his wife's expensive habits in reducing the cost of living.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Of course, the railroads are not going to put on excursion rates to Washington for the job hunters, since they are going anyhow.—Nashville Democrat.

That socialist legislator who holds the balance of power in Kansas has a great opportunity to make both the other sides be good.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Between court and courting Miss Aleksandrovitch, who now favors Boston with her company, should be able to acquire a shorter name.—Boston Transcript.

It is understood that the demand for improved fire escapes is heartily joined in by a large number of patriots holding government jobs.—Indianapolis News.

If the women of Michigan are to vote in the elections henceforth we anticipate that there never will be a

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At the Tonopah Extension office General Manager John Kirchen presented the married men in the employ of the Extension and Merger companies with a Thanksgiving fowl. It was a regular turkey brigade when the afternoon shifts ceased work, for practically every miner made his way home carrying a bird that will grace the table Thursday afternoon.

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